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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Backward Class Advisory Board.

29 *Q*.—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement giving the particulars—

(i) the names of the Harijan Members nominated to the Backward Class Advisory Board;

(ii) the names of the non-Harijan nominated to Harijan Welfare Committee;

(iii) the names of non-official members other than members of the Legislative Assembly nominated to the Backward Class Advisory Board and Harijan Welfare Committee; and

(iv) the names of the members of Legislative Assembly belonging to the opposition groups nominated to the above Advisory Board and the Welfare Committee?

A.—(i) None.

(ii) The following two non-Harijans have been nominated to the State Harijan Welfare Committee:—

(1) Sri V. Bashyam Ayyangar, M.L.C.

(2) Swami Ananth Thirth.

(iii) The names of non-official members of the Committees who are not members of the Assembly are—

Backward Class Advisory Committee.

Sri N. S. Veerabhadra Thevar.
Sri V. M. Ghatikachalam.
Sri M. Ethirajulu, M.L.C.

State Harijan Welfare Committee.

Swami Ananth Thirth.
Sri V. Bashyam Ayyangar, M.L.C.
Sri E. Kannan.

(iv) The information is as follows:—

Backward Class Advisory Committee.

Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai.
Sri V. Balakrishnan.
Sri S. S. Ramaswami Padayachi.
Sri K. Vinayakam.

State Harijan Welfare Committee.

Sri M. Dharmalingam.
Sri D. Dasarathan.
Sri M. Chadayan.

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Jaggery Co-operative Societies.

30 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the total number of Jaggery Co-operative Societies organized in the State up to December 1953?

A.—One thousand five hundred and twenty-eight primary jaggery manufacturing societies have been organized up to 31st December 1953. Besides, there are three Jaggery Marketing Co-operative Societies, one each in the district of Tirunelveli, Coimbatore and South Kanara.

Issue of spirit licences to paint merchants in the City of Madras.

31 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) how many paint merchants in Georgetown and Park Town have been provided with spirit licences;

(b) the quantity of spirit supplied to them in 1952–53; and

(c) the cost price and selling price per gallon of spirit sold in the year 1952?

A.—(a) Twelve paint merchants in Georgetown and Park Town areas were provided with spirit licences.

(b) 50,659 gallons.

(c) The cost price of spirit per gallon was Rs. 2–10–0 exclusive of gallonage fee (annas 12 per gallon) and transport charges, etc. The retail selling price was from Rs. 8 to Rs. 8–12–0 per gallon (in bottles).

Census of unemployed persons in the State.

32 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have prepared any list of unemployed persons classifying them into educated, uneducated, industrial, agricultural, skilled and unskilled workers; and

(b) if so, what is the present number under each category?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of head constables as Sub-Inspectors of Police.

33 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many head constables in our State have completed Sub-Inspectors' training and are included in the list for appointment as Sub-Inspectors during the years 1949-53;

(b) how many of them are permanently appointed during the said period, communitywar;

(c) how many candidates were directly recruited for the post of Sub-Inspectors during the years 1949–53;

(d) how long the head constables are allowed to undergo training and qualify themselves for the appointment as Sub-Inspectors; and

(e) whether there is any preferential treatment for those directly recruited over those who come from the ranks of head constables after training?

A.—(a) 161.

(b) Of the 161 head constables, who were included in the promotion list for appointment as Sub-Inspectors, only 43 head constables could officiate as Sub-Inspectors during the years 1949–53 of whom 16 completed probation as Sub-Inspectors. Thirty-eight officiating Sub-Inspectors reverted as head constables for want of vacancies. None of the 16 approved probationers could be confirmed as Sub-Inspectors during 1949–53 because owing to the confirmation of 60 promoted Sub-Inspectors in 1947 and 1948 no vacancies were available for the promoted men within the quota of 30 per cent of the cadre allotted to them.

(c) 411.

(d) Head constables who are considered fit for promotion as Sub-Inspectors should undergo training for a period of six months in the Police Training College, Vellore. Those head constables who fail in the examination held at the end of the training are required to undergo training for a further period of one month and are given a second and final chance to pass the examination. Failure for the second time will entail the removal of the name from the list of head constables fit for promotion to the rank of Sub-Inspector.

(e) As certain proportion of vacancies in the cadre of Sub-Inspectors has been specifically set apart for promotees and their appointments are regulated within the quota allotted to them, the question of preferential treatment to direct recruits over those coming from the ranks, does not arise.

Fire accidents in Cuddalore taluk.

34 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of houses which were destroyed by fire in Cuddalore taluk in the year 1952–53;

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(*b*) what compensation was given to the persons affected; and

(*c*) how many of them are yet to get compensation?

A.—(*a*) 161.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 1,596–12–0 (Rs. 1,450–8–0 in cash and Rs. 146–4–0 by way of free grant of timber) was given as compensation.

(*c*) The number is nil.

Grant of 12½ per cent of land revenue to Class II Panchayats.

35 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the names of the Class II Panchayats which are receiving 12½ per cent of the land revenue under section 71 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950?

A.—No grant has been paid so far to any Class II panchayat under section 71 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950.

Old Government buses under repair.

36 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of old Government buses under repair in the year 1953 up to the end of December;

(*b*) the number of buses on road, the number of buses in the shed and repairing centres on 1st January 1954; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to condemn any of the buses?

A.—(*a*) The number of old Government buses under repair in the year 1953 is furnished below monthwar :—

1953.	
January	44
February	49
March	53
April	37
May	45
June	58
July	63
August	61
September	59
October	60
November	67
December	67

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(b) The information required is furnished below :—

Number of buses on road on 1st January 1954	302
Number of buses in shed and repairing centres and spare vehicles kept in the depot for substitution	78

(c) There is no proposal to condemn any of the buses but it is proposed to withdraw from the road and dispose of such of the overaged short wheel-base buses as may become surplus to requirements from time to time.

Construction of the Kottapadi-Kundukadavu road in Ponnani taluk.

37 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when Government sanction was accorded to the construction of the Kottapadi-Kundukadavu road in Ponnani taluk;

(b) when the actual construction of the road is likely to be commenced;

(c) the estimated cost for the laying of the road;

(d) the length of the proposed road; and

(e) the names of the villages through which the road is proposed to be laid?

A.—(a) & (d) The Kottapadi-Kundukadavu road covers a length of 14 miles, out of which work on four miles on the northern extremity was sanctioned in February 1954 as an unemployment relief measure.

(b) The work is in progress now.

(c) Rs. 60,000

(e) The road runs through Chowghat-Andathode and Ponnani firkas of Ponnani taluk.

Prohibition offences in Chirakkal taluk.

38 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of Prohibition offences in the villages of Andoor, Narath, Kunhimangalam, Morazha, Eruvassi, Kayaralam and Pariyaram, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(b) how many ex-tappers are involved in these cases?

A.—(a) The number of Prohibition offences in the villages of Andoor, Narath, Kunhimangalam, Morazha, Eruvassi, Kayaralam and Pariyaram, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, during the period between 1st October 1946 and 31st December 1953 is as follows :—

1	Andoor village	13
2	Narath village	19

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3 Kunhimangalam	11
4 Morazha	Nil.
5 Eruvassi	6
6 Kayaralam	6
7 Pariyaram village	Nil.

(b) The number of tappers involved in these cases was 35.

Confiscation of properties of Communist and Kisan Sabha workers by the police in Tanjore district.

39 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Communist and Kisan Sabha workers of Tanjore district whose properties were confiscated by the police in the years 1948, 1949 and 1950 because they could not be apprehended by the police; and

(*b*) the number of persons to whom their properties were restored?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*)

Year.	Number of persons whose properties were — Attached.	Restored.
1948	..	..
1949	1	1
1950	..	..

Report of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee.

40 *Q.*—SRI T. S. ARDHANARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the recommendations and other connected papers of the Tripartite Committee appointed to go into the question of the living conditions and wage question of the textile labourers?

A.—Government do not propose to lay on the table of the House copies of the recommendations of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee as the report is voluminous and will cost the Government much if copies are to be placed on the table of the House. Copies of the report will, however, be available in the Legislature Library for reference by the Members.

State Backward Classes Advisory Committee.

41 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the State Backward Classes Welfare Committee was constituted;

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(b) whether it was reconstituted after the formation of the Andhra State; and

(c) the names of the members of the Committee?

A.—(a) The State Backward Classes Advisory Committee was first constituted in 1949.

(b) Yes.

(c) The names of the members of the Committee are as follows :—

The Minister in charge of Animal Husbandry and Harijan Uplift—*Chairman*.
Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai, M.L.A.
,, V. Balakrishnan, M.L.A.
,, R. V. Swaminathan, M.L.A.
,, Dinakaraswami Thevar, M.L.A.
,, S. S. Ramaswami Padayachi, M.L.A.
,, A. Appu, M.L.A.
,, M. Ethirajulu, M.L.C.
,, K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A.
,, K. Vinayakam, M.L.A.
,, N. S. Veerabhadra Thevar.
,, V. M. Ghatikachalam.

Ex-officio Members—

Secretary to the Government, Industries, Labour and Co-operation Department.

Director of Harijan Welfare—Secretary of the Committee.

Community Projects Scheme for North Arcot district.

42 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the improvements effected in the villages of North Arcot district under the Community Projects schemes; and

(b) the amount granted for the purpose and the amount spent so far?

A.—(a) The Community Projects Scheme has not yet been extended to the North Arcot district.

(b) The answer to the question does not therefore arise.

Schemes under the Five-Year Plan for Kollegal taluk.

43 Q.—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the names of works proposed to be taken up under the Five-Year Plan in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district; and

(b) their estimated cost?

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A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to starred question No. 178 on 16th March 1954.

Liberalized leave rules for the last-grade servants of the Government.

44 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the proposed liberalized leave rules for the last-grade servants of the Government?

A.—The liberalized leave rules of the last-grade Government servants have not yet been issued. A copy of the orders when issued will be placed on the table of the House duly.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over. I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 7th March 1954, from the Governor of Madras :—

'In puruance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) (d) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction (No. 2) Bill, 1954, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill.' "

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1954.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The next item is the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954. I wish to know till what time the House would like to sit to-day."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Till 1 o'clock, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Till 12-30 or 1 o'clock? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the business is over before 1 o'clock, we can rise up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Finance Minister will now move the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill[a], 1954, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*' "

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